

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content distribution notification method of informing a third party by a first party ~~client user of a client terminal apparatus~~ that a content distribution will be performed based on a reservation ~~when by a first party~~ distributor terminal apparatus ~~makes said~~ a reservation for use of a distribution server, ~~to via a~~ reservation control apparatus for controlling a reservation status of said distribution server, via a first network, and ~~performs for performing~~ a content live distribution using said distribution server based on the reservation, in order to perform the content live distribution using said distribution server for distributing content by streaming via said a network to said client terminal apparatus, said content distribution notification method comprising:

a reservation requesting step of sending reservation request information including a desired service time to use said distribution server and third party contact addresses~~address of said clients user~~ who should be informed that the content distribution will be performed, from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via a network; and

a subsequent notifying step of sending ~~the~~ notification information based on said reservation request information and for notifying the third party that the content distribution will be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~address of said client users via the network when the content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted.

Claim 2 (Original): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, wherein

said notification information includes access information for connection said distribution server.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, wherein:

said reservation requesting step is to send reservation request information including authentication information for the ~~client user~~ third party to acquire a permission to access said distribution server; and

said notification information includes said authentication information.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a cancellation notification step of sending cancellation notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is canceled by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~ address ~~of said client users~~ via a network, when information of canceling the reservation is sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a change notification step of sending change notification information to notify the third party that the reservation contents are changed by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~ address ~~of said client users~~ via the network, when information of changing the reservation contents is sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a permission notification step of sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for said first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, from said reservation control apparatus to said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

said notification step sends said notification information ~~when~~ upon said distributor terminal apparatus ~~performs~~ performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a permission notification step of sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation from said reservation control apparatus to said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

said notification step ~~is to send~~sends said notification information ~~when upon~~ said permission notification information ~~is being~~ sent and further to send said notification information ~~when upon~~ said first party distributor terminal apparatus ~~performs~~performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, wherein:

the third party contact address ~~of said client user~~ is an e-mail address; and
said notification step is to send said notification information to the third party contact ~~addresses~~address ~~of said client users~~ via an e-mail.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A reservation control apparatus for controlling reservations of content live distribution by a first party to a third party using a distribution server that performs stream distribution of content to a ~~client~~third party terminal apparatus via a network, said reservation control apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired service time to use said distribution server and a third party contact ~~address~~ ~~addresses of said client users~~ who should be informed that the content distribution will be performed, from a first party distributor terminal apparatus requesting ~~for performing~~to perform content live distribution via a network; and

notification means for subsequently sending notification information based on said reservation request information and to notify said third party that the content distribution will be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~address ~~of said client users~~ via the network, when content distribution using said

distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted.

Claim 10 (Original): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said notification means sends said notification information including access information for connection to said distribution server.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

said receiving means receives reservation request information including authentication information for the ~~client user~~third party to acquire a permission to access said distribution server; and

said notification means sends said notification information including said authentication information.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

said receiving means further comprises
cancellation notification means for sending cancellation notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is canceled by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to said third party contact ~~addresses~~address ~~of the client users~~ via the network, when receiving information of canceling the reservation sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

said receiving means further comprises

change notification means for sending change notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is changed by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~address ~~of said client users~~ via the network, when receiving information of changing the reservation contents sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, further comprising

a permission notification means for sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, to said distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

said notification means sends said notification information ~~when~~ upon said first party distributor terminal apparatus ~~performs~~ performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, further comprising

permission notification means for sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, to said distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

said notification means sends said notification information ~~when~~ upon said permission notification information is being sent and further sends said notification information ~~when~~ upon said distributor terminal apparatus ~~performs~~ performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein:

the third party contact address ~~of said client~~ user is an e-mail address; and
said notification means sends said notification information to the third party contact ~~addresses~~ address ~~of said client users~~ via an e-mail.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus that controls reservations of a first party for contents live distribution to a third party using a distribution server that performs stream distribution of content to a third party client terminal apparatus via a network, said program comprising:

reception processing of receiving reservation request information from said first party including a desired service time to user said distribution server and third party contact

~~addresses~~address ~~of client users~~ who should be informed that the content distribution will be performed, sent via a network from a first party distributor terminal apparatus ~~that request for performing content live distribution~~; and

notification processing of subsequently sending notification information based on said reservation request information to notify said third party that the content distribution will be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact ~~addresses~~address ~~of said client users~~ via the network, when the content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted.